Allegation against Guwahati Doordarshan Kendra

4078. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the Guwahati D.D. Kendra accused of getting kickback from the funds sanctioned by the centre for producing programmes to mark fifty years of independence published in the Telegraph Newspaper on 26th March, 1997;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken up against all concerned; and

(c) amount of funds sanctioned for the 50 years' of independence programme on State-wise basis?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) Although the Government is aware of the newspaper report, detailed information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wastage of Newsprints

4079. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the normal wastage of newsprints in a newspaper;

(b) whether certain newspapers including of leading group of newspapers have shown a high percentage of wastage;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether Government have enquired as to why this is happening;

(e) if so, outcome thereof and steps being taken, if any in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) No such information is maintained by the Government.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Telecast of Anand Patwardhan's Film Ram-Ke-Nam on Doordarshan

4080. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not telecasting Anand Patwardhan's film 'Ram-Ke-Nam' on Doordarshan;

(b) whether the Bombay High Court ordered Doordarshan to telecast the same; and

(c) if so, when it will be shown on Doordarshan?

THE MINISTR OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) The film 'Ram-Ke-Nam' has already been telecast on national network of Doordarshan on 2/3/1997 in pursuance of the directions of Hon'ble Mumbai High Court.

Prescribed tenure for stay of a station Director of AIR

4081. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a prescribed tenure for stay of a Station Director (ordinary grade) of All India Radio, at one place at a stretch;

(b) if so, details of Station Directors, who have not been transferred since 1991 though they have completed the prescribed tenure;

(c) whether it is also a fact that those transferred in 1992 have not yet been relieved; and

(d) if so, the reasons and justification therefor?